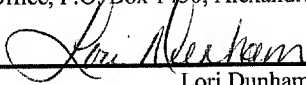


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on April 27, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.